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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 9437.15

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Rick V. Murakami, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/814,607) Art Unit
Filed: March 22, 2001) 2131
For: METHOD FOR BIOMETRIC)
AUTHENTICATION THROUGH LAYERING)
BIOMETRIC TRAITS)
Examiner: Aravind K. Moorthy)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

BOX: FEE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, for the above-referenced application. The following Amendment and Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application claims priority . . ." with the following replacement paragraph: